

AS

BEFORE  
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF  
SOUTH CAROLINA  
DOCKET NOS. 96-153-C AND 95-272-C - ORDER NO. 96-537  
AUGUST 8, 1996

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IN RE: Docket No. 96-153-C - Application of	)	ORDER
GTE South Inc. and Contel of	)	APPROVING
South Carolina, Inc. for Approval of	)	STIPULATION
Implementation of IntraLATA 1+ and	)	
0+ Presubscription.	)	
	)	
AND	)	
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Docket No. 95-272-C - Application of	)	
GTE Card Services, Inc. for a Certifi-	)	
cate of Public Convenience and	)	
Necessity to Operate as a Reseller of	)	
Telecommunications Services within the	)	
State of South Carolina.	)	
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This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) on the joint request for approval of a Stipulation between GTE South, Inc. (GTE) and the South Carolina Public Communications Association (SCPCA or the Association). The Stipulation attached hereto as Attachment 1 is an agreement between the two parties in which the parties agree that Independent Payphone (IPP) Guideline Nos. 13, 20, and 24 shall be waived. These guidelines require that all local and intraLATA 0+ and 0- calls placed from an IPP payphone to be routed to the local exchange company (LEC) as dialed by the end-user, unless specifically waived by the Commission. Modern payphones used by IPPs have the technology to insert an access code in front

of digits dialed into the payphone by an end-user before dialing that 0+ will call out on to the network. In this way, IPPs have the technical ability to send 0+ calls to the carrier of their choice, whether that carrier is an interexchange carrier (IXC), LEC, or a new entrant LEC, even in local exchange areas where intraLATA presubscription has not been implemented by the LECs. The parties have entered into the Stipulation so that the IPPs can use the technical ability described above to freely choose a carrier for all 0+ calls placed from their payphones located in GTE and Contel South Carolina local exchange areas, even in areas where intraLATA presubscription has not yet been implemented.

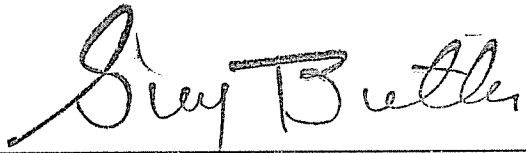
The Commission has examined this Stipulation, finds it to be in the public interest, and approves it. We agree that IPPs should be able to utilize their advanced technology for the benefit of consumers in South Carolina. We also hold that this Stipulation shall be made a part of the record, and this Order shall be made a part of the record in both Docket No. 96-153-C and Docket No. 95-272-C. Counsel for GTE Card Services has submitted a letter agreeing with the Stipulation, and believes it should be applicable to Docket No. 95-272-C.

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This Order shall remain in full force and effect until  
further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

  
Chairman

ATTEST:

  
Executive Director

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